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The outstanding Office Action mailed September 14, 2006 has been carefully considered. In response thereto, please consider the following remarks.
Claims 1-4, 9-20, 22, 23 and 28-30 are now pending in the present application.
Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims
respectfully requested.